

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
OCALA DIVISION**

**TODD WILLIAM BUNNELL,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**Case No: 5:20-cv-477-Oc-18PRL**

**COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL  
SECURITY,**

**Defendant.**

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**ORDER**

This case is before the Court on the Commissioner's unopposed motion to stay the case for ninety days, or until the Social Security Agency ("SSA") regains the capacity to produce the certified transcript of the record necessary for this case. (Doc. 12). Due to public health concerns, the SSA has transitioned to a maximum telework environment which prevented it from adhering to its business process for preparing the transcript of the record in many cases. Additionally, the complaints filed in SSA cases have increased, which has resulted in a backlog of work, making it difficult for the agency to process the transcripts in a timely manner.

As a result, the SSA's Office of Appellate Operations ("OAO") in Falls Church, Virginia is unable to prepare the transcript of the record for this case. Many of the OAO's employees are teleworking and are unable to complete the critical in person physical tasks to produce the transcript.

Accordingly, the Commissioner's unopposed motion to stay (Doc. 12) is GRANTED. The Commissioner shall file an answer and the transcript of the record for this case within 90 days or advise the Court if another extension is needed.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Ocala, Florida on December 18, 2020.



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PHILIP R. LAMMENS  
United States Magistrate Judge

Copies furnished to:

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